Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all previous versions and listings of claims in the application:

- 1-51. (canceled)
- 52. (currently amended) The An isolated polypeptide of Claim 49 having at least 95% amino acid sequence identity to:
 - (a) the amino acid sequence of the polypeptide of SEQ ID NO: 2;
- (b) the amino acid sequence of the polypeptide of SEQ ID NO: 2; lacking its associated signal peptide;
- the amino acid sequence of the extracellular domain of the polypeptide from amino acid position 1 to amino acid position X of SEQ ID NO: 2, wherein X is any amino acid from position 271 to position 280; or
- (d)(c) the amino acid sequence of the polypeptide encoded by the full-length coding sequence of the cDNA deposited under ATCC accession number 209620;

wherein said polypeptide molecule stimulates the proliferation of T lymphocytes.

- 53. (canceled)
- 54. (currently amended) An isolated polypeptide comprising:
- (a) the amino acid sequence of the polypeptide of SEQ ID NO: 2;
- (b) the amino acid sequence of the polypeptide of SEQ ID NO: 2; lacking its associated signal peptide;
- the amino acid sequence of the extracellular domain of the polypeptide from amino acid position 1 to amino acid position X of SEQ ID NO: 2, wherein X is any amino acid from position 271 to position 280; or
- (d)(c) the amino acid sequence of the polypeptide encoded by the full-length coding sequence of the cDNA deposited under ATCC accession number 209620.
- 55. (previously presented) The isolated polypeptide of Claim 54 comprising the amino acid sequence of the polypeptide of SEQ ID NO: 2.

- 56. (canceled)
- 57. (previously presented) The isolated polypeptide of Claim 54 comprising the amino acid sequence of the polypeptide encoded by the full-length coding sequence of the cDNA deposited under ATCC accession number 209620.
- 58. (previously presented) A chimeric polypeptide comprising a polypeptide according to Claim 54 fused to a heterologous polypeptide.
- 59. (previously presented) The chimeric polypeptide of Claim 58, wherein said heterologous polypeptide is an epitope tag or an Fc region of an immunoglobulin.